Subject

6 carbon atoms, alkenyl and alkynyl of 2 to 6 carbon atoms haloalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkoxy alkyl of 2 to 12 carbon atoms and alkylthioalkyl of 2 to 12 carbon atoms, R_p is hydrogen or an easily cleavable group, R_{18} and R_{19} are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, OH and alkyl and alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms and its non-toxic, pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

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Claim 24 (amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the camptothecin is (+)-5-ethyl-9,10-difluoro-5-hydroxy-4,5,13,15-tetrahydro-1H,3H-oxepino[3',4':6,7] indolizino[1,2-b] quinoline-3,15-dione or (+)-1-[9-chloro-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-10-methyl-3,15-dioxo-4,5,13,15-tetrahydro-1H,3H-oxepino[3',4':6,7]indolizino[1,2-b]quinolin-12-yl methyl]-4-methyl-hexahydropyridium chloride.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 5 to 8 and 18 to 24, all other claims having been cancelled. Claims 5 to 8 stand allowed and it is believed that claim 24 should also be allowed since it is directed to specific compounds in the same fashion as claims 5 to 8.